Fields Description

Agricultural and Rural Development

Suitable candidates include individuals from the public sector, non-governmental organizations, and business focused on agricultural and food system development and/or rural development. The field includes, but is not limited to, the following areas of specialization: food security, sustainable farming systems, agricultural research, extension management, agricultural marketing and value-chain management, post-harvest technology and food safety, trade and food policy, and rural livelihood enhancement.

Communications/Journalism

Appropriate candidates include those using electronic, mass media, and telecommunications to facilitate national development in the areas of agriculture, health, family planning, nutrition, and education. These individuals might manage the aforementioned media strategies for non-governmental organizations or for state-run media. Journalists engaged in public affairs reporting, magazine and feature writing, and interpretive writing on social issues and international affairs also are suitable.

Economic Development

This field may be interpreted very broadly. Suitable candidates include policy makers and administrative managers focusing on contemporary development issues including population growth, agriculture and industrial development, poverty and income distribution, labor markets, and foreign trade. Individuals who are working in the fields of sustainable development and micro-finance in the public or private sector are also appropriate.

Educational Administration, Planning and Policy

Individuals who are contributing to national or regional education planning, policy development and implementation make good candidates. University professors with an exclusively academic focus are not suitable. However, university professors in administrative or policy-making positions are eligible. Candidate profiles also include those focused in the more technical areas of education: curriculum development, instruction and learning assessment techniques, program design and adult learning, teacher training, and the use of technology in higher education. These individuals may be teachers if they also have additional responsibilities in the areas above.

Finance and Banking

Suitable candidates include individuals who are involved in the management of financial institutions, the regulation of depository institutions and securities, transnational lending and trade financing, or public-private partnerships. Corporate financial managers and analysts are appropriate if they are interested in and able to convey how their work will impact the development of the country. Individuals in this field are not suitable for the Humphrey

Fellowship Program if they are primarily concerned with expanding a corporate entity's market share.

Higher Education Administration

This field of study is intended for individuals who devote a significant portion of their professional life to policy formation, strategic decision-making, planning and management in higher education. Individuals holding administrative or policy-making positions at institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations or government ministries are eligible. Suitable candidates also include those focused on functional areas of higher education, such as curriculum design, techniques for instruction and learning assessment, vocational and life-long learning programs, and areas of higher education administration such as financial management, student affairs, academic affairs, business affairs, recruitment and admissions, development and alumni relations, and the use of technology in higher education. These individuals can be faculty at institutions of higher education if they also have significant additional responsibilities in the areas listed above.

Natural Resources, Environmental Policy, and Climate Change

Natural resource and environmental managers are appropriate candidates for this field. Policy-makers working on the protection of natural resources, water quality, pollution control, land use, conservation, and environmental impact assessment also are suitable. Climate change is a critical emerging field open to professionals working in a range of disciplines, including policy development, clean technologies, carbon management, and response planning or adaptation to new climate patterns.

Public Health Policy and Management

Physicians, clinicians with management responsibilities, health educators, and other practitioners with policy-making responsibilities in this field are suitable candidates. Past Fellows' interests have included: management of public health care organizations, health care delivery through community-based organizations, reproductive, adolescent and child health, and epidemiology in public health practice. Candidates who are primarily practitioners in their field are not appropriate. For example, dentists whose program goals are to be more effective dentists in a clinical setting are not appropriate candidates for the program. Instead, dentists or other practitioners who are interested in acquiring skills and knowledge to become better administrators of public health programs, which might, for example, promote health education in their community or country, would be a better fit for the program.

Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration

This field may be interpreted very broadly. Policy issues that past Fellows addressed have included: regional economic and workforce development planning; public management and leadership; financial management in public and non-profit organizations; poverty and inequality; gender; public finance and revenue administration; domestic and foreign development policies; political transition to market-based democracy; planning and the global knowledge economy;

and private sector development.

Technology Policy and Management

Network administrators, engineers, and urban planners involved in formulating technology policy and planning and managing technological change and systems are suitable candidates in this field. Ministry of education officials and educators who teach technology and science in higher education institutions and can demonstrate leadership in curriculum development or administration in this field are also appropriate candidates.

Urban and Regional Planning

Appropriate candidates for this field include architects, engineers, planners, urban designers, urban economists and sociologists, and historic preservation specialists. The field of Urban and Regional Planning should be broadly interpreted to include the following: urban infrastructure, transportation policy and planning, water and sanitation, town and rural planning, land use and urban design, housing and real estate development, international and comparative planning, environmental protection and planning, ecological land development, public policy, social policy, urban redevelopment policy, economic development and planning, regional economic integration, economic conversion, urban finance management, and urban spatial analysis using geographic information systems.